



Coconino County Sheriff's Office

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Search and Rescue

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Multi-Agency Response Rescues Male with Broken Leg

Flagstaff, AZ- On Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at about 3:15 p.m. the Coconino County Sheriff's Office received a report of an injured snowboarder on the south side of the San Francisco Peaks. The reporting party advised the male victim hit a tree and sustained a broken leg.

Judging from the description location provided, it was determined the victim was located in area known as "Second Gully". This is southwest of Agassiz Peak, east of Snowbowl road and north of the Kachina Trail. This accident occurred outside of the designated and maintained recreational area of Arizona Snowbowl. .

Arizona Snowbowl Ski Patrol personnel responded at the request of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office and were the first to respond and reach the victim. Ski Patrol assessed and stabilized the 19 year old victim and began descent down the mountain. Coconino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue volunteers ascended the mountain by snowcat and met with ski patrol and the victim north of Freidlein Prairie Rd. (FS 522) at approximately 5:35 p.m. The victim was transported to the Flagstaff Medical Medical Center by Guardian ambulance.

Arizona Department of Public Safety Air rescue helicopter was on standby for this mission if needed.

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